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Vienna Telephone Exchange Building
Vienna
c. 1930
Private

This small, well-crafted frame structure on Race Street housed the town's early telephone exchange during the second quarter of the twentieth century. Thoughtfully designed with Colonial Revival detailing, such as a neoclassical entrance surround and louvered shutters flanking six-over-six sash windows, the one-room plan structure is further enhanced with round arched louvered vents on each gable end.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. D-785

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Vienna Telephone Exchange Building

other _____

2. Location

street and number 208 Race Street _____ not for publication

city, town Vienna _____ vicinity

county Dorchester

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Margaret Anne and Philip C. Bolin

street and number 1713 Sturbridge Drive telephone 410-

city, town Sewickley state PA zip code 15143-8516

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber MLB 868 folio 185

city, town Cambridge tax map 500 tax parcel 25 tax ID number 03-042588

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>1</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u>_____</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<u>_____</u> sites
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>_____</u> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<u>_____</u> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<u>1</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	Number of Contributing Resources
		<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

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Condition

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

The Vienna Telephone Exchange building, dating around 1930, is a single-story, two-bay by one room plan office type structure supported on a low concrete block foundation, and its sheathed with plain weatherboards. The medium pitched gable roof, finished with boxed cornices front and back, has extended eaves with returns on the gable ends. Facing Race Street, the two-bay front wall has a side entrance and flanking six-over-six sash window. The entrance is trimmed with a Colonial Revival surround and a replacement door has been introduced. The building faces northeast with the gable roof oriented on a northwest/southeast axis.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Vienna Telephone Exchange building, located at 208 Race Street, stands in the center of the commercial district. The two-bay, one-room plan office type structure is supported on a concrete block foundation, and the exterior is sheathed with plain weatherboard siding. The medium pitched roof is covered with fiberglass shingles.

The northeast (main) elevation is a two-bay façade with a side entrance and flanking six-over-six sash window accented with louvered shutters. The entrance is trimmed with a Colonial Revival door trim of a plain neoclassical form with plain pilasters and simple entablature. The door is a modern replacement with an arched window fixed above the lock rail. The weatherboard siding has mitred corners inside of corner boards. Trimming the base of the roof is a boxed cornice enriched with a crown molding.

The southeast gable end is a blind wall surface aside from a small round arched louvered vent fixed in the upper gable end. The extended eave has cornice returns.

The northwest gable end is defined by a six-over-six sash window, and the original panes have a wire mesh imbedded in the glass. A round arched vent pierces the upper gable end, and the edge of the roof is finished with the same extended eave with cornice returns as the base. The southwest (rear) wall is a blind wall of plain weatherboards without any openings.

The interior of the office building has been gutted down to the framing. The gutted interior shows diagonal plank underlayment behind the weatherboards.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

The Vienna Telephone Exchange building is a rare survival of an early twentieth century building form designed specifically to house the early operation of a town phone service. Built around 1930, the one-room plan office building is enhanced with simple Colonial Revival features including a neoclassical entrance surround, six-over-six sash windows with louvered shutters, and round arched louvered vents in each gable end.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

Not much is known about this small gable roofed building other than it served as the location for Vienna's phone exchange during the second quarter of the twentieth century.

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208 Race Street
Vienna, Dorchester County, Maryland

Map 500, Parcel 25

MLB 868/185

Michelle L. Moore and George M. Moore, III

to

5.22.2008

Margaret Anne Bolin and Philip C. Bolin

JFD 37/352

James A. Higgins

to

3.28.1938

Marjorie W. Gilbert

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse.
Phone Conversation with Steve Hurst, Town Commissioner, 2.11.2010.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1,391 square feet
Acreage of historical setting 1,391 square feet
Quadrangle name Mardela Springs, MD

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

11. Form Prepared by

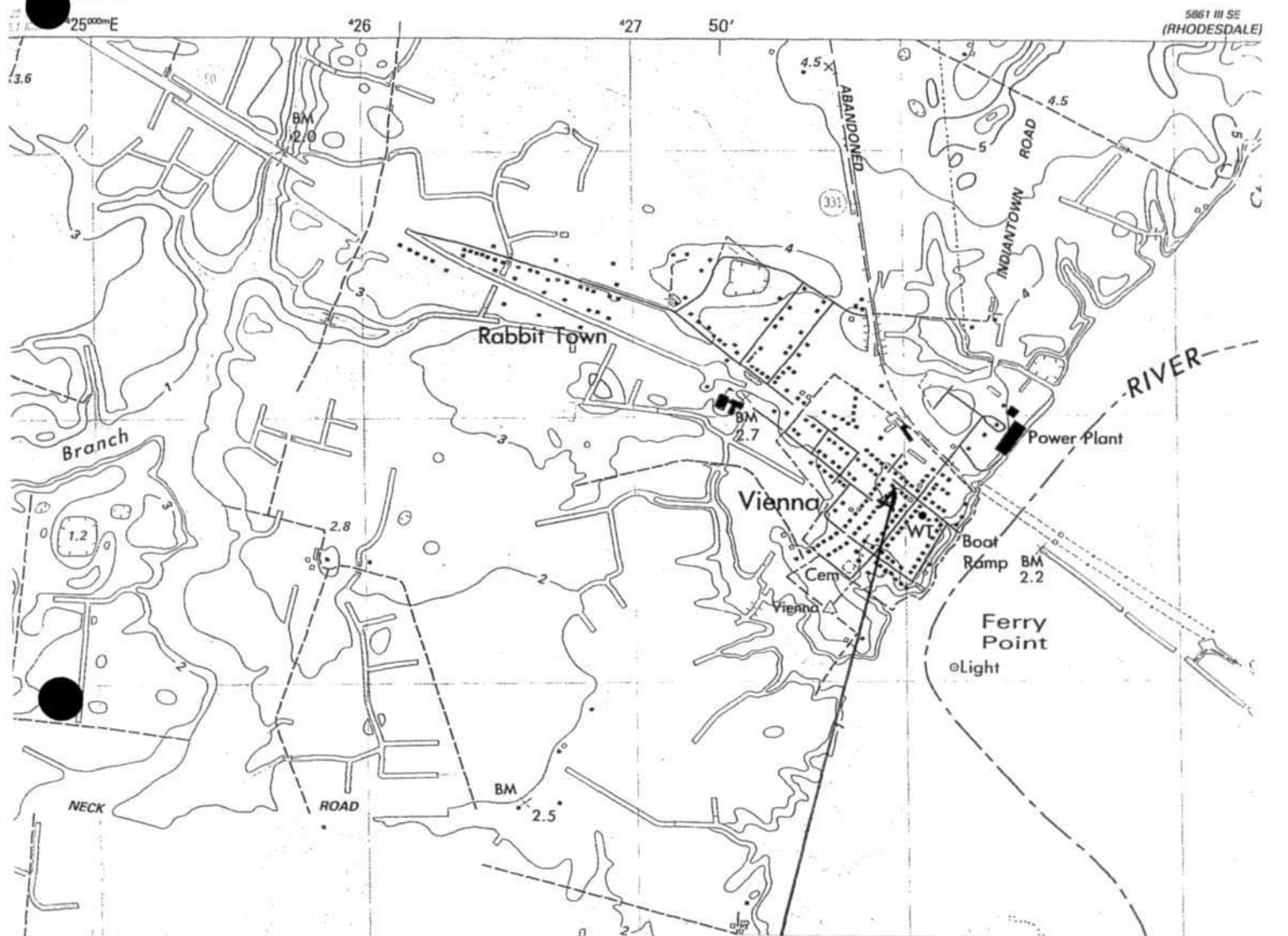
name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Chesapeake Country Heritage & Preservation	date	12.03.2010
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Mardela Springs, MD Quadrangle





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BUILDING

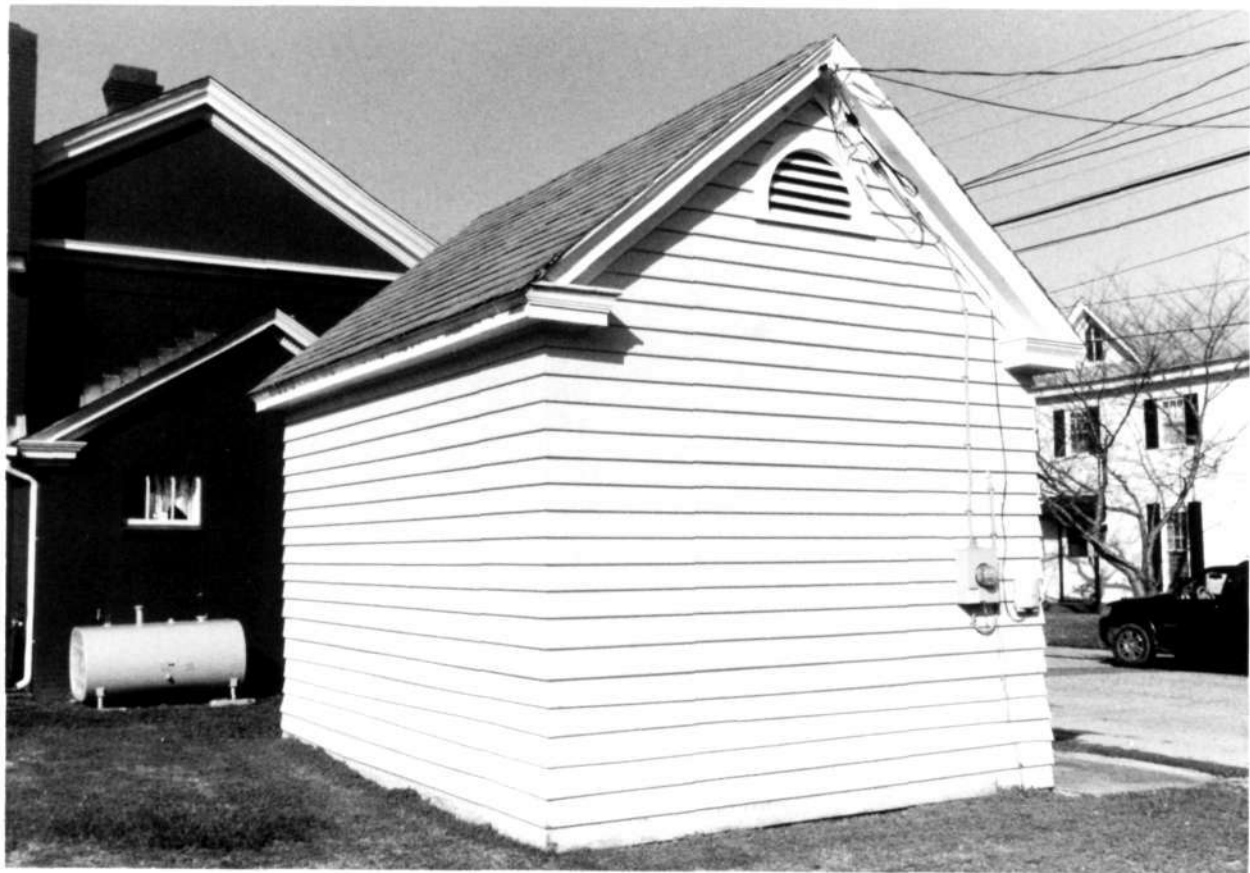
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VIENNA TELEPHONE EXCHANGE Bldg.

VIENNA, DORCHESTER Co., Md.

SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

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